



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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To The Applicant:

Attached to this letter is an application packet for the Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship. The scholarship is **competitive** and is a renewable award of \$3000 for up to four years. You will also find a list of participating colleges and universities with approved teacher education programs. Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship awards are contingent upon a match from the student's chosen institution. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Missouri resident.
- Be African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American.
- Be a high school senior, college student or returning adult (without a degree) who ranks in the top 25 percent of their high school class or scores in the top 25 national percentile on an ACT or SAT examination.
Or, individuals who have completed 30 college hours and have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0.
Or, individuals with a baccalaureate degree who are returning to an approved math or science teacher education program.
- Submit a complete application packet by February 15, 2006

Listed below are the steps that must be completed:

1. Complete the first page and answer the essay question on page 2.
2. Attach all official transcripts from high schools, junior colleges or colleges/universities you have attended **with qualifying test scores, class rank and grade point average highlighted on the transcripts.**
3. Complete Section 1 of the Financial Aid Information Form and have your Financial Aid Office complete Section 2.
4. Ask three persons to complete the recommendation forms. These persons should return the forms to you. You should submit these three recommendation forms with your application. **Applications will not be considered if the recommendations are missing.**

The information that you provide to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be screened, and points will be assigned. During the screening process, attention is focused on academic performance; the quantity and quality of school and community activities; range of interests and activities; leadership abilities; interpersonal skills; and the desire to enter the field of education; as reflected in your application. The applicants with the highest cumulative ratings will receive the scholarship awards contingent upon a match from their selected university or college.

Recipients chosen to receive the Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship will be notified during the month of April pending an approved budget. Recipients of these awards must enroll in approved teacher education programs. Recipients possessing a baccalaureate degree must enroll in approved participating math or science teacher education programs. The college or university will keep the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education informed of each recipient's status as a teacher education major during those years. Upon completion of the teacher education program, recipients are committed to teach in a Missouri public elementary or secondary school for five years, and must keep the Department informed of his/her teaching status during this period. **Minority Teaching Scholarship recipients who fail to complete a teacher education program, or who fail to teach in Missouri public schools for five years after graduation, must repay the amount of the scholarship funded by the State.**

Use the checklist at the bottom of the page to ensure that your application is complete. The application must be **postmarked no later than February 15, 2006**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship. Send the completed application to:

Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship
Teacher Quality and Urban Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Questions concerning the Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship can be directed to your school counselor. You may also contact Laura Harrison at (573) 751-1668 or e-mail Laura.Harrison@dese.mo.gov.

Sincerely,
Janet Goeller
Director of Recruitment and Retention

All information listed below must be included with your application to be considered for selection:

- _____ Application Form (Page 1)
- _____ Essay (Page 2)
- _____ Transcript(s) **Highlighted** ACT/SAT scores
 Highlighted class rank
 Highlighted GPA
- _____ Financial Aid Information Sheet
- _____ 3 Recommendation Forms

Attachments